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TAGS: MARR PFOR GR US
SUBJ: US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS - AIRBORNE
RECONNAISSANCE ASSISTANCE

REF: ATHENS 3353 (DTG 141543Z APR 77)

1. DURING THE LAST ROUND WE PROMISED THE GREEKS THAT
WE WOULD DEVELOP A PROPOSED EQUIPMENT PACKAGE, INCLUDING
COSTS, DESIGNED TO SATISFY GREEK SPECIFICATIONS FOR AN
AIRBORN RECONNAISSANCE AND GROUND PROCESSING CAPABILITY.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS EFFORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY
NSA AND USAF AND THAT THE NECESSARY INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE
IN WASHINGTON.

2. WHEN THIS SUBJECT IS ADDRESSED LATER WE HOPE TO
CONVINCE THE GREEKS THAT DETAILS RELATED TO EQUIPMENT
SHOULD BE DEFERRED TO A TECHNICAL FORUM OUTSIDE THE
CONTEXT OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. IN ANY EVENT, THESE
DETAILS WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER
AND, GIVEN THE SLUGGISH GREEK STAFFING PROCESS, THE
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GREEKS WILL WANT TIME TO REVIEW OUR PROPOSALS WHETHER
WE PRESENT THEM WITH THE INFORMATION NOW OR LATER.
THEREFORE, TO FACILITATE OUR OVERALL EFFORTS AND TO
AVOID EXCESSIVE LAST-MINUTE DELAYS, WE SEE CONSIDERABLE
MERIT IN PROVIDING THEM WITH THE LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND
COSTS NOW. WE HAVE NOT INTENTION OF DISCUSSING THE
EQUIPMENT LIST WITH THE GREEKS UNTIL WASHINGTON

INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED, THE ISSUE IS PLACED ON OUR
NEGOTIATING AGENDA, AND NECESSARY TECHNICAL EXPERTIES IS
MADE AVAILABLE. EARLY RECEIPT AND REVIEW BY THE GREEKS
WILL ALSO SPEED UP OUR DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT ANY
SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL WILL HAVE TO ACCOMPANY THE NSA
REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE AIRBORN RECONNAISSANCE
ISSUE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILED EQUIPMENT
LIST AND COST DATA BY PRIORITY POUCH. KUBISCH

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